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SUBJECT:COORDINATION WITH WFC PREPARATORY WORLD FOOD
COUNCIL MEETING.

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1. THE CENTRAL ISSUE REQUIRING COORDINATION BETWEEN U.S.
POSITIONS IN CIEC AND WFC PREPARATORY MEETING INVOLVES THE
QUESTION OF ODA TARGETS. OUR PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR THE
WFC PREPARATORY CONFERENCE WOULD IN EFFECT FINESSE THE
ISSUE. WE HAVE CABLED POSTS IN ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
REQUESTING THAT THEY CONVEY TO THEIR HOSTS A US PROPOSAL
TO CONSIDER ERADICATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION TO BE
THE DOMINATING THEME OF THE MEETING. (STATE094832)
IN ADDITION TO ACHIEVING A COMMON FOCUS ON EACH SEPARATE
AGENDA ITEM, THE LOGIC OF THIS PROPOSAL DETERMINES THE
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THRUST OF THE PREPCOM'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL. TO MAKE
THAT LOGIC EXPLICIT WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT THE SPECIFIC
AGENDA ITEM 6.(A) "ERADICATING HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION,"
BE MADE THE LAST SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEM AND THAT THE
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 6.(A) BECOME THE
CORE OF THE DOCUMENT TO BE CONVEYED TO THE COUNCIL. THE
QUESTION OF ODA TARGETS IS LAID OUT MOST FORCEFULLY IN

THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS THAT FORM PART OF 6.(A). THEY

APPEAR IN ONLY ONE OTHER RECOMMENDATION (ITEM 5C(I)). IF OUR GENERAL PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED, WE WILL BE IN A STRONG POSITION TO PROPOSE THAT THE BASIC ISSUE OF ODA BE ELEVATED TO THE MINISTERIAL SESSION FOR DECISION, I.E., THAT THE PREPCOM SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE WHAT IS PERHAPS THE MOST BASIC ISSUE BEFORE THE THIRD SESSION. AS SUPPORTIVE ARGUMENT WE PLAN TO STATE THAT GIVEN THE CONCURRENT WORK IN CIEC ON THIS ISSUE THE WFC PREPCOM SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO PRE-DETERMINE THE OUTCOME IN ITS REPORT TO THE MINISTERS. IF WE SUCCEED IN THIS COURSE, THE MINISTERS, IN CONSIDERING ODA FOR AGRICULTURE, WOULD SIMPLY FALL BACK TO THE LANGUAGE ACCEPTED BY CIEC.

2. IF CIEC, HOWEVER, IS DEFERRING IN THIS AREA TO THE WFC OUR TACTICS WILL HAVE TO BE REVISED ACCORDINGLY. IN THAT EVENT A POSSIBLE APPROACH MIGHT BE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE LINK BETWEEN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE. THE WFC SECRETARIAT HAS QUANTIFIED EXTERNAL REQUIREMENTS BUT HAS NOT ADDRESSED THE INTERNAL COUNTERPART. WE COULD ARGUE THAT INTERNAL INVESTMENT FLOWS SERVE AS A CONSTRAINT UPON THE PACE OF EXTERNAL RESOURCE FLOWS AND THAT, CONSEQUENTLY, IN THE ABSENCE OF INTERNAL QUANTIFICATION, IT MAKES NO SENSE TO TALK OF EXTERNAL QUANTIFICATION SINCE THE LATTER FLOWS FROM THE FORMER. YOUR VIEWS WILL BE APPRECIATED. CRUIT WILL CONTACT TAYLOR SATURDAY MORNING. HE IS ALSO BRINGING THE USDA GRAINS PAPER THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED FRIDAY MAY 6. IF THE INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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AGENCY GROUP ACCEPTS THE LOGIC OF THE ARGUMENT, USDA WILL PREPARE A FLESHED OUT RESERVE CUM BUFFER STOCK PROPOSAL. A MAJOR QUESTION POSED BY THE LOGIC OF THE PAPER INVOLVES THE USE OF CCC HELD STOCKS TO MEET AN INTERNATIONAL RESERVE OBLIGATION. SUCH A COURSE WOULD OBVIOUSLY REQUIRE EXTENSIVE GROUNDWORK. CHRISTOPHER

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